

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on March 23, 2005 at 8:10 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 517, 3/21/2005
Executive Action: SB 511

00:00:15

HEARING ON SB 517

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JEFF ESSMANN (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 517, Revise taxes --statewide general sales tax -- property tax relief.

[EXHIBIT\(tas64a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas64a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas64a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas64a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas64a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:35 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce, Montana
Taxpayers Association
00:32:49 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association
00:35:43 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Business

[EXHIBIT\(tas64a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas64a07\)](#)

00:40:34 Charles Brooks,
00:42:53 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:01 Don Judge, Teamsters Local

Informational Testimony:

00:53:53 Larry Finch, Department of Revenue

00:58:32

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:37:41

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:11 Break.
01:56:07 Resume.

01:56:07

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 511

Motion: SEN. STORY moved that SB 511 DO PASS.

01:56:07

Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue

02:03:41

Bob Heffernan

Motion/Vote: SEN. GILLAN moved that SB 511 BE AMENDED to change the exclusion on the personal income to a deduction. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 511 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with SEN. ELLIOTT, SEN. HARRINGTON, and SEN. TOOLE voting no. SEN. ELLINGSON, SEN. SCHMIDT, and SEN. TOOLE voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:56 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas64aad0.PDF](#))